

above the 3 percent reserve, and if history holds true, the Governor will certainly veto things out and we basically acquiesce our budget-setting priorities to the administration. I think that's one of the key things the committee kept in mind. If you'll now look on page 20 of the turquoise handout, you'll see how the committee totals differ from the Governor's totals, and as I mentioned when we initially introduced these bills, taking all committee recommendations we are slightly below the Governor's number for actually spending.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: We're about \$282,000 below the Governor. That includes all the spending decisions of LB 1022. That includes the \$1.7 million cut in LB 1272. That includes the Cash Fund transfer in LB 1268 as well as the \$2.6 million allocated for A bills. And so as we start this morning with the committee recommendation, we are slightly below. You take into account all actions, we are slightly below the Governor's number and that was one of the goals the committee had was to come at or below the Governor's number, and so obviously if we do much to deviate from that, the temptation, we'll probably be over the 3 percent minimum reserve and then we'll have to either on Select File cut things out of LB 1022 or not pass A bills or simply let the Governor make that balancing act for us. Obviously I strongly encourage the body to send a balanced budget at 3 percent over to the administration, and if we choose to spend more...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...or to cut more, I would urge the body to make some decision on down the line to make sure whatever we send to the Governor is balanced and at or slightly below the Governor's recommended spending level. So with that, that was the introduction of LB 1022 and the committee amendments and I believe now we will go on to the amendments themselves.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Senator Crosby would like to announce the following special guests of the Legislature: Nate Beezley of the Mayor's Committee for International Friendship is accompanying Monsieur Jean-Dominique Giuliani of France who plays a key role in French politics, managing the largest